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Answered

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Dr. Geo. Engelmann

Dear Sir,

I have just read a brief account of "Two days in the high Sierra with Hooker & Gray" by J. G. Lemmon, in which he says he has never seen the cones of Abies concolor (Engel.) showing exserted bracts between the scales, & requesting any one meeting with such cones to send you a sample.

I send you to day by mail two cones A. Douglasii with exserted bracts as a marked feature. It may not be A. Concolor, however. I have had but little opportunity to study the coniferae of this Coast, or any—

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thing else, in fact, except within a circle of 15 miles of this place. The specimen I send is growing in private grounds and is not native in this locality I think. Befor many days I will have a chance to gather a specimen of Abies growing within 10 miles of here — Douglassii probably.

I left Kirkwood, Mo. 3 years ago + located at this place where I am practicing medicine, which keeps me closely at home.

About 10 miles from here is the beginning of a Redwood forest extending to Santa Cruz.

I have noticed a fine, peculiar oak in that forest which I take to be Q. dumosa (Hook.) with regularly elliptical or ovate, prominently ribbed leaves, + burry cup.

Yerba Santa — Eriodictyon glu-

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tinosus, is common here, also Grindelia robusta, both attracting some attention for medicinal qualities.

Lonicera involucrata, if I am not mistaken in it, is a very pretty shrub, well worth cultivation.

I saved very pretty numbers of the Lily family, I have not the means of identifying. I enclose dry specimen of Fritillaria Kamschatcensis (?), some bulbs of which I have planted.

also, a dry specimen of Mimulus cardinalis.

I am indebted to you for many botanical favors in the way of information, & would gladly do you any favor if in my power.

Very respectfully yours

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